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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Barry Bratcher  
Serial No.: 09/970,150  
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For: Flexible Processing Apparatus for Isolating and  
Purifying Viruses, Soluble Proteins and Peptides  
From Plant Sources  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

The Honorable Commissioner  
of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above identified application as follows prior to taking any action thereon, to add a further claim for priority as a continuation in part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/962,527 filed September 24, 2001. This data was not available at the time of filing of the application, but it was indicated at the specification at Page 1, lines 3 and 4 that there was such an application pending.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, delete the paragraph at lines 3-8 and insert the following new paragraph therefor:

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--This application is a Continuation-in-part of US Patent Application number 09/962,527, filed September 24, 2001, which is a continuation of US Patent Application number 09/466,422, filed December 17, 1999, which is a continuation of US Application